



# NEWSLETTER

## 18th September 2023

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was the first full week back for pupils and what a week it was!

We are trialling this new look newsletter, which we hope will make finding information quicker and simpler. Please chat to me on the playground when you see me and let me know what you think.

This week brings lots of exciting activities for pupils, especially for Year 1, who are having their 'Shape Day' on Wednesday and Year 2 who will be having a 'Frog Day' on Thursday.

Please keep a look out for communications from our English team on small adaptations to how spellings are assessed in class.

On 29th September we have our Harvest Festival in school where we will give thanks for the food we eat. As usual, there is a collection of non perishable food from families which are passed on to Birmingham City Mission to help those in need within the city.

Look out for information soon on how to make a financial donation for the Morocco Earthquake and Libyan floods.

Mr Whitehouse  
Head Teacher

### Head Bump Policy

We are modifying our head bump policy after some recent First Aid training. We need all parents to be aware of our new procedure. We have attached it so please read carefully. This is also available on our website where it can be translated into any other language if that is needed.

**We will be reviewing this policy to see if it helps with communication and would welcome your constructive feedback as we roll out this new practice.**

**Please see Mrs Hallam or email her via the enquiry email if you have feedback.**

### Books

Over the summer we have been updating our school library with some new books.

As a result we have some books which we no longer have space for. We would like to invite parents of children in the juniors to come and take some of these books to add to their home collections.

We are planning to set up a small stall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September for families to come and choose some books. Many thanks, The English team.

### Open Mornings

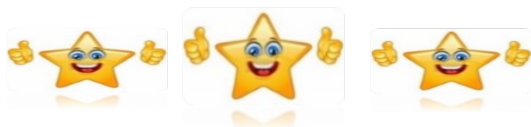
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th  
November - main site

Friday 24th November at 2pm -  
Annex tour

Monday 11th March - Annex

### Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors and Teaching Assistants. If you may be interested, or know someone who is, please check it out on the school website.





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### Definition/context

We define a head bump as any injury above the shoulders that could potentially cause concussion. This means the injury has been caused by striking or jolting the head. It may or may not leave a mark or cause a bump/bruise. A scratch to the face for example would not be classed as a head bump but would still be treated by our First Aiders.

Sometimes an adult witnesses the incident; this helps us assess how serious the consequence could be. At other times, we can only rely on the child's account and any marks or symptoms the child has. We know that the effects of concussion can take time to present so we are introducing the use of wristbands so that everyone who sees the child will know that they have bumped their head that day.

### Procedure when a child bumps their head.

One of our trained first aiders will still examine any child who is treated in school for a head bump (as defined above). They will still apply treatment as needed (usually a cold compress) they will still decide if this needs an immediate phone call to parents/guardians. The incident will still be recorded in our file and a letter (asking parents to be vigilant for signs of concussion) will still be sent to the class teacher and then sent home.

The change is that the child will also be given a wristband to wear. The date and time of the incident will be written on the wristband. This way everyone that comes in to contact with the child at school, after school clubs and home for the rest of the day will know there has been a head bump.

The wristbands are of two colours. A yellow wristband means it was not considered too serious at the time of treatment so parents were NOT informed.

An orange wristband means the parents have already been informed.

### What do parents and guardians need to know/do?

Look out for the wristbands! Our staff know that a yellow band could still lead to concussion and the child should still be monitored –the only real difference between that and an orange band is that parents are not aware.

Class teachers should ideally then make carers aware at home time. However, there is always a chance that a head bump letter is left in a book bag or in the car so we hope that this will be a useful addition to the existing communication systems we have.

We are also aware that children may not leave school and go straight home so after school caregivers and club providers need to know the significance of the wristbands. We will make sure that the staff running any after school provision on our school site understand what the bands mean but if you use external providers, you should make sure they are aware.

The band means you need to monitor the child for signs of concussion. It is dated so parents need to cut it off before the child returns to school. If, however, you are concerned they are showing signs of concussion seek medical help...do not keep the band on and send them back to school!

Please make sure your child knows that they should tell a grown up if they bang their head.

Please make sure your child knows that the bands are not a prize or treat and that they should not ask for them or try to remove them if they are given one. We will be reviewing this policy to see if it helps with communication and would welcome your constructive feedback as we roll out this new practice.

Please see Mrs Hallam or email her via the enquiry email if you have feedback.



## School Uniform and PE Kit

We are proud of the effort that families have made in supporting pupils to come back to school after the summer holidays looking smart and in proper uniform. As a reminder on school uniform for all:

- School colours mean burgundy sweatshirts or jumpers with white polo shirts (either with or without the school badge on); trousers, skirts or pinafores should be black or grey please.
- Children should be in proper black shoes, and socks/tights/hair bobbles should be understated and in school colours also.

P.E. kits should be comprised of:

- Plain navy, grey or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with an elasticated ankle/ cuff
- White P.E. top with house colour trim and school logo or a plain t-shirt in your child's house colour
- Trainers - not pumps
- A plain burgundy jumper/ cardigan or a Harborne Primary School burgundy jumper / cardigan
- Socks
- FASTENABLE trainers – not pumps or school shoes!
- Long hair must be tied back (hair colour or school colour bobbles)
- No jewellery including earrings (religious jewellery can be covered with a sweatband)
- As an adaptation to the current KS1 system, if you want to wash your child's PE kit more frequently, parents/carers can take it home on a Friday to return it on Monday

## Attendance Reminder

We use the Fasttrack system from Birmingham City Council. We will be providing you with our revised Attendance Policy soon.





## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 15/09/2023



|     |                                 |                       |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1M  | Sofia Atanasova                 | Martin Rojas-Mondejar |
| 1OQ | George Aston                    | Ali Abbas             |
| 1G  | Tauqeer Jehangir                | Molly Jones           |
| 1B  | Dominic Hurlock<br>Jessie Cheng | Ameer Bustani         |
| 2P  | Arthur McCumiskey               | Kousha Rahimoff       |
| 2O  | Lucas Han                       | Eloise Shabani        |
| 2OB | Henry Norton                    | Beau Ellis            |
| 2SF | Ruby Purdom-Ghosh               | Clara Kilsby          |
| 3PR | Agastya Roy                     |                       |
| 3S  | Theo McKoy                      | Ethan Salf            |
| 3E  | Kavan Deu                       |                       |
| 3D  | Anais Boulaouche                |                       |
| 4W  | Indiana Verma                   |                       |
| 4GV | Fareed Bah                      | Jonah Wasley          |
| 4NB | Eliza Butler                    |                       |
| 4RB | Zoe Chu                         |                       |
| 5BC | Saarun Bains                    |                       |
| 5C  | Nella Aulehlova                 |                       |
| 5B  | Martha Bolle                    |                       |
| 5LM | Mariam Maw                      | Eleni Smythe          |
| 6D  | William Gordon                  |                       |
| 6KP | Charlotte James                 |                       |
| 6J  | Rovan Salma                     |                       |





## Dates in the Diary

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wed 20th Sept    | Y1 Shape Day                     |
| Tue 26th Sept    | Y3 Roald Dahl Day (Both Sites)   |
| Thurs 28th Sept  | Reception Reading Meeting        |
| Fri 29th Sep     | Harvest Festival Assembly        |
| Mon 9th Oct      | Y5 Harry Potter Day              |
| Tues 10th Oct    | Parents Evening                  |
| Wed 11th Oct     | Y1 Autumn Walk                   |
| Thurs 12th Oct   | Parents Evening                  |
| Thurs 26th Oct   | Y3 Pre History Day               |
| Thurs 26th Oct   | Flu Immunisations                |
| Fri 27th Oct     | Last day of school               |
| Mon 30th–3rd Nov | Half term holiday                |
| Mon 6th Nov      | School re-opens for all children |
| Thurs 9th Nov    | AIM High Writers' Day            |
| Mon 13th Nov     | Y4 Greek Day                     |
| Tues 14th Nov    | Open Morning - Main Site         |
| Thurs 16th Nov   | Open Morning - Main Site         |
| Thurs 16th Nov   | Y5 Cadbury World                 |
| Thurs 23rd Nov   | Alice in Wonderland Day          |
| Fri 24th Nov     | Friends Film Club                |



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**Information to follow soon.**